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# Red Flags Raised Over Radioactive Waste at Indian Pt.

BY ABBY LUBY

The closure and dismantling of Indian Point Plants 2 and 3 in 2020 and 2021 respectively have raised red flags about the storage and handling of more than 1,700 tons of dangerous radioactive waste, much of which is expected to remain on the site for at least 10 years after the closure.

At a public meeting last Wednesday, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) answered questions about the de-

commissioning process. About 90 people crowded into the Cortlandt Morabito Community Center to ask Bruce Watson, NRC Chief of the Reactor Decommissioning Branch, about the regulatory agency's oversight role during the plant closures.

For three hours, many were frustrated with the unreliable audio system that made it difficult to hear the speakers. A major concern was about Holtec International, a family-owned corporation based in Camden, New Jer-

sey, slated to purchase, dismantle Indian Point and manage the irradiated nuclear fuel. Although Holtec has more than 30 years' experience handling radioactive waste, it has come under scrutiny for fast-tracking decommission nuclear plants; Holtec proposes to dispose of the waste in as little as eight years; the NRC allows 60 years for the process.

"Holtec is a company with a record of bribery, lies and risktaking. We know the NRC allowed

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ARRY LURY PHOTO

(L-R:) John Sullivan, Marilyn Elie, Margot Frances, Manna Jo Greene, and Jeannne Shaw, members of the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition, in front of an inflatable, life size Nuclear Waste Cask at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission meeting last Wednesday at the Cortlandt Community Center.

### **Goodbye Turco's, Hello Uncle Giuseppe's**

Turco's supermarket, which has been a major draw in downtown Yorktown Heights for the last 20 years, will become Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace as of October 21. Turco's recently sold the business but most of the employees will continue to work at the new market. "The Uncle Giuseppe's Family would like to congratulate Preston Turco on his retirement. Preston has built a legacy in this community of which we are proud to be welcomed in to. We welcome all the hardworking, dedicated employees into the Uncle Giuseppe's Family," Uncle Giuseppe's posted on its Facebook. "We look forward to continuing to provide great service and quality and have exciting plans to improve your shopping experience in the coming year."

# Yorktown Political Parties at Odds over **Nixed Chamber Debate**

BY RICK PEZZULLO

The only planned public debate between candidates running for office in the Town of Yorktown will be a one-sided event after the Democratic Committee objected to the Chamber of Commerce hosting since several Republican candidates are affiliated with the chamber.

'We felt uncomfortable it wasn't going to be a level playing field," said Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert, who is seeking a second two-year term on November 5.

The Chamber of Commerce, which has hosted debates for years and even endorsed candidates in the past before that practice came under scrutiny, had scheduled a forum for October 23 at Yorktown Stage for candidates running for supervisor, town board, town clerk and town justice. The moderators were slated to be former Yorktown Supervisor Aaron Bock, a Democrat who was recently appointed to the planning board, and Rosemarie Panio, a Republican district leader.

Democratic leaders expressed no concerns about the moderators, but maintained the debate could not be impartial since Councilman Tom Diana, seeking reelection, Mary Capoccia, running for town clerk, and Gary Rainolo II, son of Town Justice Gary Rainolo, are on the chamber's Board of Directors, and former town supervisor Michael Grace, who is running for the Westchester County Board of Legislators, is secretary of the chamber's Executive

"A judge who knows a party recuses himself. A judge who knows a party is not seated. But the chamber sees no conflict

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the company into plants in New Jersey and Massachusetts even before objections by citizens' groups were heard," charged Richard Webster, Legal Director for Riverkeeper.

"Can you describe the NRC's role in approving and selecting companies like Holtec for decommissioning?" asked Peekskill City Councilman Colin Smith.

Watson replied, "We are not privy to contractual or sale agreements. Our sole responsibility is to ensure the applicant is licensed and has the technical and financial ability to own a particular plant."

When Smith asked for an estimated timeline for transporting the spent fuel rods, Watson said, "Congress promised to take care of high-level waste when they encouraged all these plants to be built. It's in their ballpark to facilitate the disposal of the spent fuel. It's way below my pay grade to make that kind of policy. I wish I had an answer for you."

NRC's oversight role with Holtec directly ties into the formation of Community Advisory Boards (CABs) as stipulated in a federal law under the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act. Watson indicated that the NRC would be checking in regularly with the progress of the decommissioning, but acknowledged that a heavier role of oversight would be put on the Community Advisory Boards.

Many have questioned the authority of

the newly formed local CAB, chaired up by Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker with vice chair Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi.

"We are all in this together," said Puglisi in defense of the CAB. "We created a task force two years ago when we learned of the decommissioning and have been meeting monthly. We have a large membership including business people, environmentalists, school officials, chamber of commerce, county executives from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange, along with state representatives." Puglisi, told the NRC to officially recognize the group as a Community Advisory Panel rather than a "board"

Knickerbocker said the Community Advisory Panel was a diverse group with Indian Point supporters and critics. "We are the eyes and ears and the voice for our community. Our agenda is the safe decommissioning of Indian Point. This panel will drive the bus for decommissioning," she said.

How powerful can a CAB be? Peekskill councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo asked, "To what degree can teeth be given to the CAB so it can keep the licensee (Holtec) accountable to the community?" Watson said the CAB can provide advice to the licensee on decommissioning activities.

"They can ask questions about certain impacts, like truck traffic in their community." Agudelo asked about Holtec's hiring practices. "We've had complaints from workers' unions that Holtec's hires lower

skilled workers because it's cheaper. With profit as their motive, we need a community board that's equipped to hold the licensee accountable."

The watchdog group, the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC), has supported a funded Citizens Oversight Board made up of impartial members, independent scientists, experts, first responders, plant workers, environmentalists and other informed stakeholders. "The board should have a budget to hire experts and have appointed environmentalists and volunteers who hold monthly, open meetings," said IPSEC member Marilyn Elie. IPSEC maintains a CAB made up of local politicians who might have financial or economic agendas is problematic. IPSEC has drafted Citizens' Oversight Board Legislation expected to be introduced to state, county and local lawmakers in January 2020.

Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D-95) told Watson the NRC should fund the Community Advisory Boards. "The NRC allowed the nuclear plants to be here, and now that they are being decommissioned, you should be sponsoring and funding the CABs using money in the federal government budget," Galef said.

Although Indian Point units 2 and 3 generate approximately 2,000 megawatts of electricity, ConEd no longer gets electricity from Indian Point. As reported, in 2017 the contract between ConEd and Entergy expired and was not renewed, according to ConEd. Up to that point, Indian Point sup-

plied only 560 megawatts to ConEd. With competing solar and wind markets offering cheaper energy, Entergy's high price for electricity has priced them out of the market. Today, Entergy is closing their aging plants across the country.

Environmental Director for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Manna Jo Greene, who is on the Community Advisory Panel, said she was concerned about Holtec's quick handling of spent fuel waste. "The responsibility of the decommissioning company is to their shareholder's profit," she said. "Owners of the plants have a different perspective than that of the community."

An upcoming Forum on Decommissioning Northeast Nuclear Plants is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., at Hendrick Hudson Free Library in Montrose.



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# YHS Named National Blue Ribbon School

**BY RICK PEZZULLO** 

Yorktown High School was named a National Blue Ribbon School for exemplary academic excellence last week by the U.S. Department of Education.

Yorktown had the distinction of being the only school in the lower Hudson Valley to be designated, and one of only 18 schools in New York State to receive the honor. The recognition follows Yorktown High School's designation by New York State Education Department as a 2019 Reward School, also for academic excellence; and its ranking by U.S. News & World Report as one of America's best high schools for 2019.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ronald Hattar maintained the Blue Ribbon award was an achievement for the entire school district.

While Yorktown High School is the recipient of this prestigious award, this is truly a recognition of our entire K-12 learning community," Hattar said. "A high school does not achieve a Blue Ribbon designation without a high-quality K-8 system at the foundation of its work."

High school Principal Joseph DeGennaro attributed the school's success to the "deep connection students have to the school and the faculty's "all-in" philosophy.

"We never want the students to come in, go to class and go home," DeGennaro said. "It's that deep connection that allows them to perform so well in the classroom. When you put great teachers in front of great kids from great families, great things happen."

Senior Sam Milhaven, who participates in band, cross-country track and the robotics team, credited many factors for the win including the school's ES-TEAM philosophy, which makes empathy the foundation for its science, technology, engineering, arts and math education.

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Milhaven said Yorktown High School constantly makes connections between subject areas. The end result, he said, is that students come away with a deeper world view and "understand how the lessons fit into the grand scheme of things."

Nimisha Gupta, another senior who participates in robotics, said the high school offers something for everyone.

"We have outstanding athletics, a really great science research program, robotics and arts programs," Gupta said. "Any student, whatever they want to do, they will find an opportunity here."

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# Five Free Cars Given to Residents by Yorktown Auto Body

**BY ABBY LUBY** 

The bustling crowd on Front Street outside Yorktown Auto Body Saturday came to see five lucky Yorktown residents awarded a free car. The charitable program was sponsored by Yorktown Auto Body in Yorktown celebrating its 10th year in business.

Owners Perry Gusikoff and his partner Carlos Fernandez wanted to give back. About five months ago they started to obtain good used cars that needed a tune up, new tires and brakes. "All the cars are different years and have varying mileage," Gusikoff said. "We fixed them up so the winners could drive away and not have to worry about anything."

Gusikoff decided that an independent committee made up of five prominent Yorktown residents was needed to screen applications and then select five finalists. The committee included Yorktown Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli, Hanover Electric owner Mike Dubovsky, and Yorktown Councilwoman Alice Roker.

"We had to make sure that car recipients were people in need, whether it was a financial or a health-related circumstance, where having a car would improve



ABBY LUBY PHOT

(L-R:) Winners of Five Car Giveaway at Yorktown Auto Body on Saturday: Eric Lemus, Bobby Carolan, Diego Ortiz, Greg Marotta, Julie Marotta and their son Eric and Jose Andrino.

their lives," said Gusikoff. The committee required credible documentation of hardship; a letter of good conduct from the Yorktown Police Department; and validation of a clean driving record from the state Department of Motor Vehicles or insurance carrier.

Bobby Carolan was one person the committee deemed worthy of receiving a car. Carolan has been studying to become a priest at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers since 2015. But in July, his father had a massive stroke and severe brain damage and Carolan was shuttling back and forth daily to the hospital.

"My 2001 Acura kept breaking down," said Carolan. "My Uncle Jim and Aunt Pat [Carolan] found out about the charity by Yorktown Auto Body and nominated me." His pastor, Father Quarato of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Shrub Oak, also wrote a letter supporting Carolan's need for a better car. "It all happened so fast," said Carolan, who drove away on Saturday in a refurbished 2013 Dodge Dart.

Winning a Honda CRV was Julie Marotta, who has been struggling with breast cancer since 2016. After many surgeries, and another scheduled next month, she has been financially burdened with many out-of-pocket medical expenses. A mother of two young boys, one of which has Autism, Marotta has lived in Yorktown for about 11 years and was nominated by Steve Desiderio.

Diego Ortiz was nominated by his wife, Charlene Ruiz-Ortiz. Ortiz is a disabled Army veteran with Multiple Sclerosis, PTSD, and a host of other serious injuries resulting from a roadside IED bomb, (improvised explosive device) during his deployment in Iraq in 2003. The Ortiz family home in Mohegan Lake suffered serious damage after two Nor Easters and they have struggled to make ends meet. Their fouryear-old just started school and Diego will use the new car to get to work at the Montrose Rehabilitation and Treatment Center.

Two young college students can also now drive themselves to school and to work. Eric Lemus, 18, just started his first semester at SUNY Binghamton, majoring in mechanical engineering. He works weekends at Dunkin Donuts in Yorktown Heights. It was his employer, Shawn Brattner, who nominated him so he could keep his job. "I got a phone call

right before class about three weeks ago from my mom. She told me I won a car," recalled Lemus. The committee awarded college student Jose Andrino a car because he is known to be a hard worker whose family is poor. In 2018 he was a student intern at the Yorktown Justice Court. He was nominated by Town Justice Gary Raniolo. He will now be able to drive himself to college.

Gosikoff transformed his garage into a large dining area replete with a dozen tables, a bar, buffet, a stage and disk-jockey, servers with trays offering finger food. More than 60 people mingled with local politicians while congratulating the winners. Gusikoff was amazed at how many people turned out. He said the amount of donations the program received after radio announcements and posters went up around town was quite impressive.

"The money from the donations went to pay registration fees and taxes. We also gave each new car owner a \$250 gas card," said Gusikoff. "We are hopeful that we have made a positive impact on the winners' lives. This all feels unbelievable. If you have a heart, you can' help feeling great about helping people like this."





# Taxes to Rise 1% in Proposed Peekskill 2020 Budget

**BY RICK PEZZULLO** 

Peekskill City Manager Richard Leins is calling for a one percent tax increase in the tentative 2020 budget that he proposed October 1.

If approved by the Common Council, which must act by October 31, the average single-family home residence in Peekskill with an assessed value of \$8,800 would experience a tax hike next year of \$25.55.

Leins stated the city has built up its undesignated fund balance from approximately \$500,000 in 2015 to a projected \$3.6 million by the end of 2019.

"The scrupulous monitoring of fiscal issues has provided additional leverage to improve the city's fiscal condition, result-

ing in further savings to taxpayers from the lower cost of government and service delivery," Leins stated. "In addition to maintaining its own fiscal house, the city has also seen unprecedented investment in both the public and private sectors, bolstering the city's Tax Assessment Roll and finances, and helping to grow and fuel a strong local economy through the introduction of new residents and businesses eager to invest, live, work and play here."

Leins said Moody's, the agency that monitors the city's finances, has upgraded Peekskill's financial rating from A1 to Aa3, which has translated to lower bond interest rates for long-term capital projects and "a lower cost of doing business to taxpayers."

Water and sewer rates are proposed to

jump by 2% each in next year's spending plan. To balance the budget, Leins is proposing allocating \$400,000 from the city's undesignated fund balance and \$100,000 from the Committed Funds-Designated for Tax Stabilization line, leaving a balance of \$573,975.

Also included in the \$42.67 million budget is a two percent salary increase for non-union employees and funding for "recommended salary adjustments to key city positions, in keeping with comparable salaries county-wide."

Total staffing of full and part-time employees is projected at 226. In 2012, the city had 268 employees. The budget includes funding for one new employee in Parks Maintenance and one additional

Paramedic/Firefighter to assist in emergency services. One part-time position in the Building Department will be converted to full-time with the recent hiring of a city building inspector.

"As is the case with all municipalities, the city remains significantly financially challenged by the New York State cap on the allowable annual increase to the tax levy," Leins stated. "Without some relief, for example by the exemption of capital projects or health costs from the tax cap calculation or by including properties receiving PILOTS in the growth factor calculation, municipal governments will continue to be hard pressed to sustain current levels of service, in the face of increasing costs and flat revenues."

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# Somers Residents Upset Over Proposed Sewer District

**BY NEAL RENTZ** 

The proposal to create a new sewer district for Lake Lincolndale and Lake Shenorock in the Town of Somers will be subject to a public referendum.

Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey announced at the October 3 Town Board meeting that enough residents living in the two lake communities had signed petitions to create the vote on Somers Sewer District #2. The Town Board will have between 60 to 75 days after the town has verified the petition signatures to schedule the referendum. The public vote will be open to owners of property in the proposed sewer district, even if owner does not live in town.

Critics of the proposed sewer district dominated the discussion during a nearly two-hour public comment period at last week's Town Board meeting.

If residents approve the new sewer district, the Town Board would need approval from the Westchester County Board of Legislators to expand the sewer treatment plant in Peekskill and the proposed sewer district plan would also need to be okayed the office of state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli,



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Resident Linda Luciano criticized the proposal to create a sewer district for Lake Lincolndale and Lake Shenorock at the Oct.3 Somers Town Board meeting.

The Somers Sanitary Sewer District No. 2 proposal would cost about \$62 million. Somers is eligible to use \$10 million from the New York City DEP for the first phase of the project.

The costs of the sewer project would include capital construction, buy-in to the county sewer district for 10 years (which would cost between \$170 and \$184 annually) and annual operations and maintenance costs.

The plan is to complete the project in three phases. The first phase, which would include 65 properties in Shenorock and Lincolndale, would cost between \$10 and \$13 million. The second phase, which would include parcels in Shenorock, would cost between \$28.1 and \$30.1 million. The third phase, which would include properties in Lincolndale, would cost between \$21.1 and \$22.1 million.

The cost for the average home in the new district would be \$1,200 annually at full buildout, but the town is looking to reduce the cost by obtaining state and federal grants.

The plan is to ultimately have 985 properties included in the sewer district. The town is planning is to take out a 30-year bond to pay for the project.

Opponents of the sewer district project expressed many concerns at last week's meeting. Resident Linda Luciano and other speakers were upset that the engineer working with the town on the sewer district was not at the Town Board meeting to answer residents' questions because he was at Lake Lincolndale clubhouse speaking at another meeting.

Luciano said she did not want to be in the sewer district. Luciano said town residents were told the annual cost would eventually be \$1,200 but some property owners will actually pay more, she said. "Make it equal," she said.

The sewer district plan is a way to raise additional tax revue to make up for lost taxes from businesses that left Somers, she said. "We don't need sewers to get more grant money," she said. But town officials said during the meeting that to get additional grants the town must show it is making progress in providing sewers for the two lake communi-

Resident George Lux said providing sewers were not the right way to protect the water in Shenorock. The He maintained the town needs to deal with stormwater going into the lake. Morrissey said the DEP would only provide funding to the town for a sewer district project.

Responding to criticism of the how the sewers would be funded was addressed by Town Attorney Roland Baroni. The costs of borrowing would be paid for through a formula based on the value of a home in the district, he said. The cost of the annual operations and maintenance is "based on a bedroom count," Baroni said.

Though in the minority, not all the speakers opposed the sewer project. Resident Allan Masterson said he supported the project, which would be much less expensive than a recent sewer project in Yorktown. He receives town water and has a meter that is used to determine how much he will pay for the water. The cost of the sewer project should be based on usage for each property, he said.

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### **Obituaries**

### Dorothy (Betsy) Brown

Dorothy Elizabeth (Betsy) Brown, a resident of Ossining, died September 26 at her home on Meadowbrook Drive. She was 96.

She had lived in New Castle, Briarcliff Manor and Ossining for 66 years, was a wife, mother, reporter at The New York Times and other papers, volunteer, and longtime member of the Ossining Zoning Board.

Born in Oakland, CA, on August 18, 1923, to Tom and Sydney Jones, she was



Dorothy Elizabeth (Betsy) Brown

raised in Berkeley, CA, attended the University of California at Berkeley and began a long newspaper career at the student paper, The Daily Californian. After the start of World War II, she left college to work on the house organ at Moore Dry Dock, which built liberty ships in Oakland. She

often recalled working with little people who were thrilled to have left show business to become welders in tight spots as the ships where hurriedly constructed. She later took a troop ship to Hawaii and joined the Women's Air Raid Defense, talking on the radio with the call sign "Rascal" to spotters watching for planes and ships around the islands.

After the war she was a reporter at The Honolulu Advertiser and then in the San Francisco Examiner's courthouse bureau, where she endured endless ribbing from the crusty male reporters who also taught her the ropes. Next, she moved to New York City and sold candy at a movie theater before becoming a writer at Newsweek. At the magazine she met Charles H. Brown, who soon was sent to Germany as the Bonn bureau chief. They were married in Paris in 1949 and returned to New York shortly after having their first child, Jeffrey, in 1951.

They moved to a 150-year-old farmhouse in New Castle after the birth of their daughter Lucy in 1952. Charlie commuted to New York to work at Newsweek, and later at The New York Times. In 1963 the family moved to Briarcliff Manor to avoid the double sessions beginning in the Ossining schools.

For many years Mrs. Brown was a reporter at The Patent Trader in Mt. Kisco, describing it as the most fun job of her career because of the variety. She received numerous awards, including a national prize for a series on the burdens on corporate wives who had to move frequently and do unpaid work like entertaining husbands' business associates. One summer she wrote wryly about a "mysterious blob" that had appeared in the woods, quoting residents and experts who speculated on whether it was from outer space, was toxic waste or an exotic fungus. She was known as a tenacious reporter who would not take no for an answer, and as a lively, thorough and economical writer with an enormous vocabulary at the ready. Scrabble opponents were always glad they did not play for money.

In the late '60s she became the director of communications for the Westchester office of the Urban Development Corp., which built low-income housing. She often returned home laughing after giving a speech and being heckled by a crowd chanting, "Betsy Brown, get out of town!" After Charlie died in 1975, Betsy joined the Times' bureau in White Plains, specializing in writing about real estate until retiring in the mid-1980s.

After retiring, she went to Antigua for two years with the Peace Corps, where she lived over a store in a small inland village and worked with the Chamber of Commerce, organized a women's sewing group and survived Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Following her return, she traveled extensively in China, Vietnam, India, Africa and Latin America.

She was an avid gardener and excellent cook who liked to entertain, often hosting a lively Democratic watch party on Election Night. Her most infamous party was a Halloween bash with an O.J. Simpson murder theme, with a knife in aspic and 10-monthold grandson Dash dressed as the bloody glove.

She did extensive volunteer work in and around Ossining. She escorted patients to Planned Parenthood, advised women returning to work on how to dress and conduct job interviews, and served for more than 25 years on the Ossining Zoning Board. She regaled friends and family with accounts of the ingenious reasoning applicants used to explain their illegal decks and fences, and she was constantly amused by the slick city lawyers who thought they could put one over on the locals.

She leaves her son Jeff of Bozeman, MT, daughter Lucy Vinis of Eugene, OR, and three grandsons, Charles Vinis of Brooklyn, Ed Vinis of Eugene and Dash Brown of Elkridge, MD.

A memorial service will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 201 Scarborough Road, Briarcliff Manor, at 1:30 p.m. October 26.

### Stephen Curley, Jr.

Stephen T. Curley, Jr., an area resident since 2013 and formerly of Yorktown, died September 27 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He was 73.

Born on November 21, 1945 in Woodside, Queens, he was the son of Stephen T. and Dorothy (Kelly) Curley. Having worked in plumbing most of his life, Mr. Curley was a chief estimator for L.J. Coppola, Inc. in Westchester County until his retirement in 2009. He was an avid reader, history buff and was a fan of the New York Yankees and Jets. Additionally, he also was a scoutmaster for Troop 164 in Yorktown.

On July 19, 1980 in New Rochelle, he married Janice Dorothea Culver, who predeceased him on April 21, 2014.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Nella and James Gordineer of Leesburg, TX, Stephen Curley III of Norfolk,CT, Patrick Curley and Azadeh Zeyghami of Cortlandt, and Maribeth Curley of Poughkeepsie; his grandchildren, John and Maggie Gordineer, his step grandson, Jimmy Gordineer; and his sister, Elizabeth Ann Curley of Brewster, MA.

### Annie M. Prokop

Annie M. Prokop, a lifelong resident of Ossining, died September 27. She was 95.

She was born in Ossining on November 22, 1923 to Rafael and Consiglia (Lavella) Bertoldi.

She was a "Rosie the Riveter" during WWII and worked at Eastern Aircraft in North Tarrytown. She was also a former operator at Bell Telephone until she started her family.

Mrs. Prokop is survived by her two daughters Carol Prokop (Woodrow Setzer), and Marlene (Pat) Natalo; three grandchildren Anna Setzer, Meredith Conti and Stephen Natalo; and her sister Florence Morini.

She was predeceased by her husband Michael in 1982.

### Charles Castronovo

Charles Castronovo, a resident of Cortlandt, beloved husband of Rose Marie Castronovo and beloved father of Eric, and Kathy Cosentino and her husband Sal Cosentino, died October 2. He was 72.

He was predeceased by his son Eric and parents Elena and Joseph Castronovo.

Mr. Castronovo was a loving and devoted husband to his wife of 40 years, Rose

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Marie, and was a wonderful father to his son Eric and to his daughter Kathy. He was a kind, generous, giving and wonderful human being—and a true gentleman. He was always eager to help others and lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He had a kind spirit and was loved by many.

He was a graduate of Lakeland High School and graduated from RCA Institute of Technology. He was the Technical Supervisor of The Mechanical Department at Metro North Railroad for many years. Upon his retirement from Metro North. he organized annual retiree luncheons that were enjoyed by himself and his fellow workmates. He also enjoyed going for long walks at FDR Park with friends and his dog Clouseau. He was on the Board of Directors at FDR Park and organized and contributed to many fundraising events at the park. He enjoyed traveling with his wife in his RV visiting different places across the United States.

Mr. Castronovo was a living miracle. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer five years ago. He had such an incredible determination to live each day to the fullest—despite his diagnosis. He continued to travel, to laugh, and to be an amazing and incredible inspiration to so many people. It would have been so easy for him to give up, but he persevered and continued to live his life—enjoying and cherishing every moment. He never complained about his diagnosis—not

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### Letters to the Editor

# YSBA is Non-Partisan and Non-Political, and So Should Businesses

To the Editor:

During these tough economic times, many businesses and community organizations are being asked to take a position by supporting a certain political party or candidate. It is selfish and unfair for political parties and candidates to put any group in a position where they feel pressured to make a choice.

Local businesses are operated by people who come from a variety of political persuasions, as do the customers upon whom they rely. The same is true of individuals who belong to one or more organizations

or members of community organizations who also own a business. Pressuring either businesses or community organizations to post political signs, posters and brochures in their establishments could put them in a difficult position.

If your business or organization is approached by any political party or candidate to display signs, posters and brochures, just say NO. But if like many people, you feel obligated to do so, simply say YES! Say yes to all parties and candidates by displaying opposing campaign literature too.

Remember, don't risk harming your

business or organization by taking a stand that could cause shoppers/donors/clients to take their business elsewhere. It's hard enough running a business or organization without turning off half the electorate—and it's the fair and equitable thing to do. Do the right thing! Businesses and community organizations need to be inclusive, not exclusive.

BOB GIORDANO Founder/President Yorktown Small Business Association www.Yorktownsba.com

# Yorktown Seeks Marketing Firm to Attract Tourist, Investment Dollars

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, Yorktown's Town Board heard a follow-up proposal from the Town's Economic & Business Revitalization Committee (ERBC) on branding.

The ERBC was established by Supervisor Gilbert in Feb. 2018 to "think outside the box" for the good of the town. Its objective is to strengthen and enable the business environment in Yorktown leading to increased commercial activity and tax revenue along with the creation of local jobs.

The EBRC has now reached the phase where it is looking to develop a branding campaign to attract business and position Yorktown as a great place to visit and invest.

Moving ahead on a key recommenda-

tion of the ERBC, the Town Board has received proposals from 11 marketing firms seeking to give Yorktown a strong identify that draws investment dollars. The ERBC has narrowed the field to two firms from the 11 which will now present their credentials to the Town Board at its Oct. 22 work session.

"We see a unique opportunity to leverage our Town's assets," said Supervisor Ilan Gilbert, who added "that the Board expects this investment in the Town's future to pay for itself many times over."

Supervisor Gilbert added, "We expect this campaign to enhance the business environment, create jobs and a sense of unity and pride among residents." The marketing firm selected will be evaluated based on successful efforts in communities similar to Yorktown, as well as assessed on existing perceptions and opportunities for enhancing the Town's image. The firm will seek input from civic organizations and the business community such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Association.

It's heartening to see a professional, objective and thorough approach to the economic future of our great town. Thank you, Supervisor Gilbert, for creating the ERBC and thanks to the ERBC for its efforts to improve our town.

SONIA IDELSOHN Shrub Oak resident for 26 years

# Accomplishments, Achievements and Actions in Peekskill

### To the Editor:

Peekskill Democrats have an awesome slate. The names to remember are Andre Rainey, Kathie Talbot, Vivian Cyndi Mc-Kenzie and Patricia Riley. Each is up for re-election. These officials are experienced and worked tirelessly and effectively to give you a government you can count on.

For two years Mayor Rainey and the Council have given the residents a balanced budget under the tax cap. In 2019 Peekskill received its highest credit rating since 2013, Moody's Aa3 (high-quality), reflecting the city's healthy and improved financial position driven by solid management and conservative budgeting.

The Mayor and Council offset the tax

burden on property owners by aggressively seeking out State and Federal grants. The city met with success and was awarded grants for infrastructure upgrades and other improvements. Some are the Hollowbrook Pump Station to ensure water quality, rehabilitating three failing sewer pump stations at Louisa Street and Charles Point, identifying illegal hook-ups in the city's sewer lines, and installing LED lights in the Nelson Ave. garage.

The City hired an engineering firm to prepare bid specifications to demolish and replace a 97-year-old drinking water storage tank, implemented an annual "leak detection" service to identify underground water leaks that could become water main

breaks, and replaced old computers and software that operate the water treatment plant.

The City was awarded monies for streetscape improvements on Division, Main and South Streets, paving improvements on Hampton Oaks, upgrades to Lepore Park, and a grant to assist small businesses.

Don't forget, please VOTE at Peekskill City Hall during Early Voting between October 26 to November 3 or at regular polling locations on Election Day, November 5. Re-elect Mayor Andre Rainey, Councilwomen Kathie Talbot, Vivian Cyndi McKenzie and Patricia Riley.

MARIANNA STOUT Peekskill

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### Letters to the Editor

# Sullivan-Rothberg, Goodman Will Help Lead Yorktown Forward

#### To the Editor:

Yorktown voters are lucky indeed. This November, they can cast their ballots for Trish Sullivan-Rothberg and Sheralyn Goodman for Town Board—2 fresh faces in politics with the strength of character, clarity of purpose and independence we need to lead our town forward. I know them both and each brings valuable real-world experience and knowledge to our Town Board.

Trish is a business woman who operates on tight deadlines and must show results. She is a documentary film distributor and skilled coalition builder, working with artists and big and small business people to bring a project in on time and on budget—no extensions and no excuses. Just as important, she is a working mother who has played a leadership role in the Boy Scouts, PTA and promoting theater arts in our

community

Sheralyn is a lawyer, litigator and administrator in law enforcement. She is dedicated to public service and is a staunch advocate for public health and public safety. She understands the law, how government works (and when it doesn't), responsible budgets and the importance of teamwork to bring real change to people and communities. She's been a working mother,

dedicated parent volunteer in the Lakeland Schools and advocate for those with mental illness and opioid dependence, including our veterans.

Both women are fiscally prudent, business friendly and independent. They are clear that their loyalty is to all people of Yorktown. They deserve our vote.

EVE SHOENTHAL Yorktown

# Why We're Running for Office in Yorktown

#### To the Editor:

As we talk to residents and business owners across town, we hear concern about all the empty stores. We know that economic revitalization in the 21st Century means a new approach. As Town Council candidates, we want you to know that economic revitalization is our top priority.

Here's our 7-Point plan for revitalization:

1. Hold a forum for commercial property owners to hear their ideas and challenges. We know that town government isn't in the business of renting retail space, but we will ensure a friendly business environment. 2. Partner with the Chamber of Commerce and the Yorktown SBA and support their efforts. We will undertake a full review of our town's approvals processes and streamline them alongside the business community to help businesses grow.

3. Work closely with the Economic and Business Revitalization Committee, created by Supervisor Gilbert, to implement their multi-step plan for economic revitalization, focusing on our town's many assets, including our farms, trails and parks, to make Yorktown more desirable to visitors, new residents and businesses. We believe this is the way to increase our commercial tax base

and strengthen home values.

- 4. Focus on new revenue streams by sourcing government grant funding for public projects.
- 5. Promote sound green initiatives that balance the interests of entrepreneurs, homeowners and our town's responsibility to the environment and future generations. We will work to broaden the responsible use of solar energy and generate revenue in the process.
- 6. We won't take political contributions from developers and we will not sit at their altar. We pledge to support sound development projects that benefit our town and

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residents, no matter who proposes them. All plans must make for a better, stronger and more vibrant Yorktown.

7. We promise to listen to all viewpoints, work to find common ground and always tell you the truth.

We think this is the path forward toward a more harmonious and economically and culturally vibrant town and we are committed to making this a reality for Yorktown.

PATRICIA SULLIVAN-ROTHBERG AND SHERALYN GOODMAN Candidates for Yorktown Town Council

# Rally Planned in Yorktown for No Tax Increases

### To the Editor:

The United Taxpayers of Yorktown will hold a taxpayer's rally on the steps of the Yorktown town hall on Saturday, October 19 at 10 a.m. We want no tax increases. I would like to invite all candidates running for office. Candidates will tell the people of Yorktown their platform for not increasing property taxes. We will give each candidate two minutes to speak on the issues important to them.

It's budget time again. I asked the three

Incumbents running for election on the Yorktown town board if they would try for a no increase in the budget this year; there was complete silence. I took that as a no not to even try for a zero increase. The UTY has always put the people first.

The last time UTY did a rally was for an on-time NY State budget, the budget that year was on time. Join us, talk to the candidates and don't forget to vote on Nov 5, 2019.

ED CIFFONE President of the UTY

### To the Editor:

As the race for Yorktown Supervisor comes down the home stretch there is a clear difference between the two candidates. Matt Slater has put forward a clear plan for the future of our town. He has the knowledge and energy to give Yorktown a fresh start. His first 30 days include plans for our veterans and environment. Mr. Slater's campaign has been a refreshing change from what Yorktown has come to expect during the political season. On the other hand, Ilan Gilbert has failed to present any forward thinking ideas for the future of our community. He has relied on generalities in a desperate attempt to beef up his record which

often blur into actions taken by the administration before him. Ironically, it is the same administration he has resorted to attacking on a consistent basis. Yorktown deserves more than politics as usual. Despite his best efforts Mr. Gilbert has only perpetuated the ongoing partisan bickering without providing any solutions to the real problems facing our community. Many of these issues, such as Yorktown's stalling economy, Mr. Gilbert aggressively ran on during the 2017 election. With Election Day quickly approaching the choice for Yorktown's future is clear: Matt Slater.

CHARLES ARNOLD Yorktown

# Open Door Awarded \$1.5 Million Grant to Prevent Substance Abuse Among Students

Open Door Family Medical Center has been awarded a five-year \$1.5 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance use in children and families in the Ossining School District.

The grant is expected to impact an estimated 5,000 students in grades 4 - 12 over the duration of the program.

Surveys show that rates of alcohol, marijuana and e-cigarette use, and binge

drinking are rising among middle and high school students in Ossining. Open Door will be working in partnership with the Ossining Communities That Care Coalition (OCTC), of which Open Door is a founding member, to combat the problem. OCTC is comprised of people from law enforcement, local and county government, schools, healthcare, business, parents, youth, faithbased, civic groups and substance-use prevention agencies.

"Ossining needs culturally-competent resources to address these problems, as the community is falling short in a number of national benchmarks," said Helene Kopal, Director, Substance Use Disorder Programs at Open Door. "The grant provides much-needed support to continue our work with OCTC to develop and implement sustainable approaches. This is about prevention; it's taking a public health approach to deal with risk by creating positive attitudes and community norms to head off use. It's about fostering an environment that gets kids when they're young, 11 and 12 years old, and provides alternatives to drinking,

smoking or vaping. We are trying to get the clear message to them when they are relatively young that these substances are harmful."

Main activities will include providing age-appropriate education and information to students and their parents in English and Spanish; training school administrators and other community leaders; developing afterschool programs that engage young people in safe, healthy activities; and making school and local policy changes to reduce access to drugs, alcohol and e-cigs.



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# 13 Charged with Crack Cocaine Distribution, Many in Peekskill

**BY RICK PEZZULLO** 

Thirteen individuals were indicted last week with narcotics distribution offenses in and around Westchester County, with much of the activity taking place in the City of Peekskill.

According to the idictment and complaint unsealed in White Plains federal court, from at least November 2018 until September 2019, Wendell Jones, Jesse Dabbs, Jason Bogan, Byron Mountain, Sarah Gillon, Dorothy Mcallister, Gustavo Gonzalez and Kevin conspired to distribute 280 grams and more of crack cocaine.

In addition, from at least March 2019 until September 2019, Willie Sims, Maurice Ellis, Isaac Mallory, Hakim Anderson and Rahmel Garraway conspired to distribute 28 grams and more of crack cocaine.

We have all seen the devastating effects that drugs have played in destroying individuals, families, and even communities," said Peekskill Police Chief Donald Halmy. "We are committed to using every resource, from the local level to the federal level, to make sure that those responsible for this blight are apprehended and sentenced appropriately. We commend all those involved who put in countless hours to help make Peekskill a better place to live

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman added, "As alleged, these defendants trafficked crack cocaine, an addicting and potentially deadly product that devastates communities throughout the Southern District of New York. Thanks to the FBI, the Peekskill Police Department, and

the Westchester County Police Department, the defendants are in custody and facing federal criminal charges.'

Conspiring to distribute 280 grams and more of crack cocaine carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison. Conspiring to distribute 28 grams and more of crack cocaine carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison.

# Health Department Confirms Measles Case, Others Possible

**BY RICK PEZZULLO** 

The Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH) has confirmed a positive case of measles and warns other exposures are possible.

Health Department officials reported last week the patient has been isolated to avoid spreading the disease further. Measles is a serious, highly contagious disease that can be spread through the air by coughing or sneezing. In rare cases it can be deadly.

Commissioner Michael J. Health Nesheiwat, MD, further explained, "Before this person was isolated, there may have been additional exposures. We are working with local partners to identify all possible contacts. If you are unsure if you or your children are protected from measles, reach out to your physician or one of our communicable disease nurses."

Several possible exposure sites have been identified: The Route 52 Laundromat, the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God Church, and following the service, at the Annual Feast Day Celebration, and also at the Putnam Hospital Center Emergency Department.

Anyone in the laundromat at 184 Route 52 in Carmel on Saturday, September 21, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. who develops symptoms before Saturday, October 12, should call the PCDOH as soon as possible to understand their possible risk and what action to take.

Anyone who attended church service at the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God at 1050 Route 6 in Mahopac on Sunday, September 22, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., or the celebration afterwards from noon to 6 p.m. and develops symptoms before Sunday, October 13, should also call the health department as soon as possible.

Anyone in the Putnam Hospital Center Emergency Department at 670 Stoneleigh Ave in Carmel on Saturday, September 28, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. who has not been contacted by the PD-COH, should also call the health department as soon as possible.

Individuals born before 1957, anyone who has had measles disease, or those who have proof of receiving 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccines, are less likely to become sick.

"Measles symptoms begin with fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat," said Dr. Nesheiwat. "It is followed by a rash that spreads over the body. If anyone has these symptoms, call your doctor or the emergency room first. Do not go directly to a medical facility. Isolation procedures need to begin immediately upon arrival."

For more information, visit the Putnam County website at www.putnamcountyny. com; or visit social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY. PCDOH nurses are available by calling (845) 808-

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once. He made a supreme effort to drive thousands of miles in his RV to visit family members every year-no matter what.

### Rosemary Kane

Rosemary Kane, a resident of Ossining, died October 1 at Tarry Hall Nursing Home after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was 88.

She was born in Brooklyn to Lucy Vosilla and Joseph Merslich on February 3, 1931. Her husband, George Kane and son J. Bryan predeceased her in 2018. She is survived by sons Gregory (Beth Hiler) and Michael, six grandchildren; Harrison, Jackson, Wilson, M. Oliver, Emilia, and Tara (Gregg Garrett), four great-grandchildren and brother, Edward (Linda) Merslich of Williamsburg, VA.

She graduated from high school in Queens in 1949, and subsequently attended Misericordia University where she received her nursing degree. She married George Kane in 1957. She settled in Ossining and raised her three sons who she supported through their various sports and activities. She worked at several nursing homes in the community over the years and ended her career at Cedar Manor where she managed the medical records department.

She loved to sing and was part of the Old Mill Singers where she enjoyed the practices, performances and friendship. She loved to take Metro North into Man-

hattan, where she visited and shopped with her Aunt, Catherine Kottner who passed away this past January. She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother and a practicing Catholic.

### Cecil Kenefick

Cecil B. Kenefick, a resident of Ossining, died October 5. He was 86,

Mr. Kenefick worked as a tax accountant for Praxair in Danbury, CT for 45 years before retiring in 2004. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business from Baruch College in 1971.

Mr. Kenefick was a Deacon of St. Theresa Parish in Briarcliff Manor. He was born October 4, 1933 in Youghal, County Cork, Ireland to Christopher and Hannah (Bowler) Kenefick.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1963. On June 27, 1959, he married Rita Mulvihill at Incarnation Church in Manhattan.

Mr. Kenefick lived in Ossining for the past 40 years before that he lived in the Bronx from 1956 to 1979. He is survived by wife, Rita Kenefick, of Pearl River, NY; son, Brendan Kenefick, daughter-in-law, Jimena and grandchildren, Shannon, Kate and Matthew all of Pearl River; daughter, Elaine and son-in-law, Rob Rubin of Ossining; granddaughter, Ashley Zeitler of Manhattan and brother, Michael Kenefick of Youghal, County Cork, Ireland.





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#### **BY NEAL RENTZ**

Sports Attic in Yorktown is not your typical big box sporting goods store.

But that has not prevented Sports Attic from being a popular business in Yorktown for the past 26 years.

About five years ago, Connecticut resident Ed Furci purchased the business from his grandfather, Yorktown resident Tom Dileng.

About six weeks ago, Furci reopened Sports Attic, which he described as a green store, at 317 Underhill Avenue, moving it from its original location at 368 Underhill Avenue. "We needed more space and we ended up actually having to move because the building was sold and they're taking it down," he said.

A wide variety of sporting goods are available at the Sports Attic. "We do a little bit of everything,' Furci said. "But our main stuff is (field and ice) hockey, lacrosse" The store also offers baseball items, soccer and tennis shoes, ice skates, skis and snowboards.

Unlike a typical sporting goods store, the Sports Attic purchases items from high school athletes who no longer need the items and the store resells them, Furci said. "That's where we get a lot of our equipment," he said. "We sell mainly to kids

# **Sports Attic**



Connecticut resident Ed Furci has owned Sports Attic in Yorktown for the past roughly five years.

just starting."

"We buy a lot of equipment from people daily," Furci said. "We fix it up and clean it up and then we sell it.'

Furci explained why he wanted to go

into the sporting goods industry. "I went to school for business. My grandfather started his own business. My dad started his own business. So, I was always interested in running my own business, being an en-

trepreneur," Furci explained. "So, when I got the opportunity to buy this place I kind of jumped all over it because I was already running my own business in college and I didn't want to commit to a full-time job for somebody else yet."

"We get people from all over, a lot of Westchester, a lot of Putnam and then we've been getting a lot of people from Newburg and Danbury," Furci said. "People want to be able to recycle and reuse stuff."

Furci explained why he felt Sports Attic has been so successful. "I think it's the family run business vibe that we give off," he said. "A lot of people love coming in all the time and checking out the new stuff we have. They like coming in and talking to me. So, I think it's the fact that we're in the neighbor type of place. We're not a big box store.'

The name of the store came from Furci's grandfather. "I think it's because it's kind of like everything you keep in your attic that you're done with," Furci said. "We come and we clean out your attic or your garage and we repurpose it and sell it and get it into somebody else's hand that can use it."

Sports Attic is located at 317 Underhill Ave, in Yorktown. For more information, call 914-962-9816 or visit https://sportsatticny.com/. The store is also on Facebook and Instagram.

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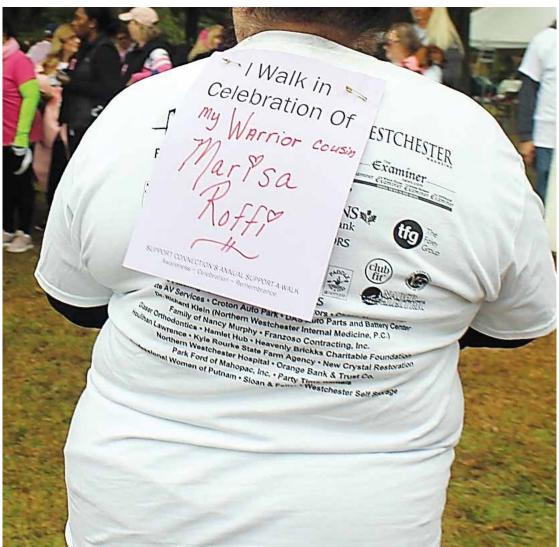
















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TUESDAY, OCT. 8

Free Medicare Counseling: Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D. Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC .You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center Helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to http://www. westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefitsinformation-centers/.

Senior Benefits Information: Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information, contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

Hygeia Programs: Two ongoing programs are being held on Tuesdays at Hygeia Integrated Health LLC, 3505 Hill Blvd., Suite K, Yorktown. Community Acupuncture is being held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Come experience the beneficial effects of acupuncture in a group setting. Register: hyinhealth@gmail.com. On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by a LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: hyinhealth@gmail.com or www.hyinhealth.com.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

Senior Benefits Information: A Senior Benefits Information Center is available every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Somers Library. If you can't visit the library in person, you can leave a message on the SBIC helpline at 914-231-3260 or e-mail us at SBIC@wlsmail.org with your name, number, a time to call be-

tween 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and whether your interest is in Medicare services or other benefits. A counselor will return your call within two business days.

New York Presbyterian Programs: Several programs have been scheduled for the coming days at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt. A Bariatric Support Group will meet on Oct. 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. Registration: 914-734-3966. Healthy Spanish Tapas will be held on Oct. 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$15 Registration: 914-734-3780 or hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. A Breastfeeding Support Group will meet on Oct. 11 and 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration: 914-734-3257. Physician in the Kitchen: Inflammation and Bone Health will be held on Oct. 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Registration: 914-734-3780 or hvhteachingkitchen@nyp.org. Car Seat Safety and Proper Installation Techniques will be held on Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information: Call 914-734-3557. The Yorktown Fall Festival and Street Fair will be held on Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. PMNYP Hudson Valley Hospital is a sponsor and staff will be under our red tent all afternoon, providing information and giveaways. The Annual Yorktown Fall Festival is presented by the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce and features live music, local food, activities for children, and more. Location: Commerce Street & Veterans Road\ and the Jack DeVito Memorial Field. For more information: Call 914-245-4599 A Chocolate Lovers Workshop will be held on Oct. 14 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$15 Registration: 914-734-3780 or hvh-teachingkitchen@nyp.org. Farmers Markets are held on Oct. 15 and 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information: call 914-734-3797.

**POUND Program:** POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays – check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914-739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Live Performances: Live ticketed performances are being held at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Tribute, theatrical, cabaret, independent and famous acts perform. Info: 914-455-4272.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

WCT Acting Class: Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) is accepting applications for the fall semester of Scene and Monologue Study running Mondays, Oct. 21 through Dec. 16. Classes run for eight weeks (no class on Nov. 18) from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at WCT's black box theater space, 23 Water St. in Ossining. Class size is very limited; early registration is suggested. To register online visit http://www.wctheater.org/classes; for additional information call 914-236-4297.

Yorktown Jewish Center Courses: Several courses have been scheduled for the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The Talmud class is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. The Rabbi's class will be held on Tuesdays, beginning on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-245-2324.

Acting Classes: Four All Theater Company will be conducting acting classes every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Class size is limited. Info: 914-737-1212.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 11

Coloring For Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Flea Market: The event will be held on Oct. 11 through 14 at the Ossining Historical Society Museum, 196 Croton Ave. (Route 133). It will be the last sale of the season. Info: Info: Peter 914-941-8180.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Friday night Sabbath services begin at 8 p.m. And Sabbath services on most Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324

Temple Beth Am Services: A Friday night Shabbat services will be held at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Am. The service will be preceded by a Welcoming Shabbat for Tots Celebrates Sukkot at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, please email Rebbetzin Ellen at Rebbetzin Ellen@gmail.com Temple Beth Am is located at

203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 962-7500 or email him at rabbiw@optonline.net.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 12

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, call 845-528-2305.

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit www.ChabadYorktown.com.

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Services: New Rabbi, New Year, New Beginnings! Please join us for a Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 12, 19 and 26, followed by Lunch & Learn (on Oct. 12 and 26), a discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Rabbi Shoshana Leis. Kiddush luncheon will be served. The service will be led by Rabbi Leis and Cantor Rut First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. E-mail info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

October Art Show: The October Art Show at the John C Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak is "Small Works" - Paintings and Drawings by Joann Zwolski.

At the Tideline: The Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center at Kingsland Point Park in Sleepy Hollow has a great beach for discovery. Join a Teatown educator on a scavenger hunt as the tide goes out to find shells, feathers, beach glass, and more from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The program is free for Teatown members and \$10 for non-members. A \$5 parking fee may be charged.

Oktoberfest: Yorktown Heights Engine Company #1 and the Yorktown Lions' Club are sponsoring "Oktoberfest" from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Yorktown Firehouse

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### Crossword

### **ACROSS**

- 1. Gas remedy
- 6. Long-eared beast
- 9. Explorer Henry would 3. Putting together eat at this Cold Spring restaurant- House
- 10. Pet vampire
- 11. Privileged class
- 13. Hand out
- 14. Some wedding guests
- 15. Substitute worker
- 17. Smallest state, abbr.
- 18. Business abbreviation
- 19. USPS delivery, abbr.
- 21. Roman 51
- 22. Away from shore
- 24. Basketball score
- 27. Ramblers and Hornets 25. Flyers' org. abbr. (classic cars)
- 29. Sparkle
- 32. Stab
- 33. This legacy Yorktown 31. Head wreath grange will never go out to "pasture," \_\_\_\_ Farm
- 34. Kind of sauce
- 35. Support person

### **DOWN**

- 1. Glass tube
- 2. Blue penciled
- 4. " on my watch!"
- 5. A Beatle bride
- 6. Ladd of Westerns
- 7. Church branch
- 8. Declares
- 9. Goes with eggs for break-
- 10. Healthful dessert
- 12. "Cheers" waitress
- 16. Make a mural
- 20. Fashioned anew
- 23. William Shatner, e.g.
- 24. Dosage abbr.
- 26. Covered in firs
- 28. Stitch
- 30. Personal statement intro

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(Solution for puzzle on page 17)

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# Yorktown Political Parties at Odds over Nixed debate

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with four Republican candidates on its board and neither does the Yorktown Republican Party," said Yorktown Democratic Committee Co-Chair Ron Stokes.

Kevin Byrnes, chairman of the Yorktown Republican Committee, said he didn't recall Democratic leaders making any complaints when the chamber hosted a forum with Gilbert, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, and State Senator Peter Harckham, all Democrats, on April 15.

Democratic Committee Co-Chair Elliot Krowe reached out to the League of Women Voters (LOWV) to see if it would moderate the debate instead of the chamber, but contended that offer was rejected by chamber officials and the Republican Committee—a claim both entities vehemently denied.

In fact, Chamber of Commerce President Sergio Esposito stressed the chamber's debate procedures were modeled after the rules and regulations used by the LOWV.

"The chamber will not play politics," Esposito said. "Our intention, as it has always been, is to provide the citizens of Yorktown with a debate that will enable them to make a well informed and educated decision when they go to the ballot box on Election Day irrespective of who they choose to vote for."

Byrnes and Republican supervisor candidate Matt Slater insisted the LOWV never invited the GOP slate to a debate, with Byrnes adding the Democrats were just looking "to score political points."

"The only debate invitation I have received is from the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce," Slater stated. "This organization has been a pillar of our community and represents the backbone of our local economy. The parameters they put in place were fair and nonpartisan. Supervisor Gilbert and the Democratic slate have no legitimate reason to refuse."

Slater said he welcomed a debate in each of the town's six hamlets.

"This will give people in every corner of our community an opportunity to understand our different visions for the future of Yorktown," he said. "Candidate debates are critical for voters so they have the best information available before going to the polls."

mation available before going to the polls."
Gilbert responded, "I have no qualms about debating anyone."

Diana and Councilman Ed Lachterman, who is also running for reelection, confirmed Monday they will still be attending the chamber's October 23 event at Yorktown Stage with Slater. County legislator candidates are scheduled to appear October 21 at the same venue at a debate also hosted by the chamber.



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# Why Did Interest in Antiques Go Away?

A half century ago, when I was furnishing my first apartment in New York City, it was in an old apartment house, and I considered it appropriate to seek out the wares of antiques shops for dé-

wares of antiques shops for décor and interesting accessories.

While all the functional pieces like the living room sofa and my bed were brand new, I looked for antique pieces for tables, chairs, wall décor and accent pieces. For a certain number of years after I married, my wife and I lived in antiques houses, one in Brooklyn Heights built in 1826, and the second in Yorktown Heights, built in 1734. While my wife had formerly been contemporary in her furnishing outlook, I "converted" her by planning half our honeymoon in Colonial Williamsburg where I had gone to college at William and Mary and where I first developed my interest in antiques. By the time we set up our first

apartment, our entire home environment was a throwback in time to the 18th and 19th centuries.

Besides buying for practical use, my wife and I started collecting for the mere pleasure of finding and possessing items of interest, everything from antique pill and snuff boxes to children's playing marbles. In both Brooklyn and Westchester, antiques were easy to come by with a good number of antiques shops dotting the city

and country landscapes. Even my wife and I got into the act when we

bought our Brooklyn Heights house and it happened to have an antiques shop ready-to-go on the first floor. Because we both had "regular" jobs during the week, our antiques shop in Brooklyn was open only on Saturdays and Sundays. In fact, it was called "The Saturday Shop."

When I got the job as director of public relations at The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, we moved north to "the country," Yorktown Heights, and there we opened the country version of our antiques business in our home, which happened to be an antique itself. But not experiencing the success we had in the

city, we closed it after a year of operation. However, we were left with all the inventory and, today, some of the collectibles that were once for sale are now the accent pieces in our very modern home in a new Trump property.

While antiques shops flourished a half

century ago, they are hard to come by today. My favorite haunt locally for years had been The Yellow Shed, but today it sells only estate jewelry. Surely Ebay has something to do with it.

When I was downsizing four years ago from a 4,000 sq. ft. antique home to an 1,800 sq. ft. brand new condo, my challenge at hand was to dispose of many of my antique furnishings that had filled my house. When I called not one, but two antiques businesses, hoping one of them would offer me a good price for my treasures, I was very disappointed to find that neither of them had any interest in acquiring them. They didn't even offer to take my antiques on consignment. "Antiques are dead," one of the dealers told me.

What is the reason for this lack of interest today in antiques, you ask? There are probably several reasons. First, I believe that as a nation, our interest in our past waxes and wanes. It was at an all-time high in the early 1940s when national pride soared during World War II. But it waned in the 1960s around the time of the World's Fair in New York, when the home of the future was all the rage. However, when our nation's 200th anniversary came around in 1976, our past became relevant again, and we went through two decades of renewed interest.

But since the turn of the 20th century, antiques have lost their appeal for most

of us. Further, living space is more costly than it's ever been and there is less and less room for anything in the modern home that isn't functional.

There is one conundrum to consider about all of this: Why is Antiques Roadshow so popular on television? My theory is that the general public is still interested in knowing about the oddities featured on that show...but that doesn't mean that they want to spend any money purchasing them.

Or perhaps this is just the low ebb in the cycle of interest. I really shouldn't worry about whether other folks are as into antiques as I am. I should just enjoy looking at some lovely old things that grace my home as accents today, or relish the tactile experience of rolling some end-of-day glass playing marbles in my hand, imagining the children's joy of playing with them 150 years ago.

Especially now that I'm older, I have as much appreciation as ever for older things.

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By Bill Primavera

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Fair Grounds. The price of admission will include food, drinks, music and games. The menu includes a roast pork dinner, bratwurst, all beef hot dogs, sauerkraut, red cabbage, potato salad and more. Adult prices will be \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door for the food, beer, and non-alcoholic drinks. The food and non-alcoholic drinks prices are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door for Children – ages 6-12 will be \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under five are free. Secure your tickets today by calling 914– 488-4185 or e-mailing yorktownlionsevent@gmail.com.

Race Amity Day Discussion Group: Group will meet from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Somers Library. Details for this meeting will be posted on the library's online calendar at www.somerslibrary.org. No registration required; all are welcome.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 13

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010.

**Yorktown Street Festival:** Commerce Street (see special section).

### MONDAY, OCT. 14

**Musical Munchkins:** The Yorktown Musical Munchkins meet on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Yorktown Stage Theater in room 12. The program is for older babies up to the 1's. Free trial classes are offered. Info: 914-771-7000 or www.musicalmunchkins.com.





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# How Winemakers Are Coping With Warming Trends

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And we are experiencing an era of changing wine characteristics, as crops are maturing earlier and sugar levels are rising. But I'll stop short of calling it global warming, even in the face of major upheavals in the wine industry.

All of the above phenomenon are intertwined and having an effect on our personal lives.

Earlier this year, wine industry experts and renowned winemakers attended a symposium

in Portugal called Climate Change Leadership Porto Summit –Solutions for the Wine Industry. Certainly, many presenters offered the typical gloom and doom forecasts for the climate. Yet, there were also first-hand experiences presented and discussed by a number of winemakers.

The issues they are facing can be dis-

tilled into two major categories:

1. An increase in mildew on grapes and grape leaves. This can cause fruit rot and impair overall production. If the mildew spores are then carried into the fermentation and aging phases of winemaking, the style and characteristics of the resulting

bottled wine may be compromised.

2. An increase in alcohol levels. As seasons become warmer, more sugar is developed in grapes. When crushed and fermented, these grapes tend to produce higher alcohol at the expense of aromas and tastes.

What's a winemaker to do?

On the micro level, certain winemakers have begun to harvest earlier in the season. But there is a downside: the sugar levels may be optimal, but the alcohol and tannins may be out of balance in the ultimate wine.

Other winemakers have been forced to change the blend of their wines. In Bordeaux, a number of vintners have reduced the amount of Merlot (the dominant grape grown in the region) in their wines due to higher sugar and alcohol levels, adding additional amounts of the other grapes permitted in the region, notably Cabernet

Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. This has changed the traditional profiles of those wines.

On the macro level, certain governments and trade groups have banded together to address their concerns. In France, a Plan National Dépérissement du vignoble (National Plan for the Decline of Vineyards) has been promulgated, prioritizing and addressing the issues facing winemakers.

Whether global warming is a near, intermediate or long-term threat, the French are feeling the effects today and have decided they can't wait for fate to take control of their future livelihoods. They have decided to act now.

Last month, Bordeaux producers startled the wine world by announcing a major change in the grapes authorized to be grown and vinified in this, the largest wine producing region in France.

The conservative, tradition-bound Bordelaise will now permit seven additional grapes to be included in their wines. The four red and three white varieties are highly regulated in their plantings and use yet are a clear signal that the French are committed to preserving their reputation for fine wine production.

The grapes? The list is startling for its relative obscurity. There are four reds, Touriga Nacional (popular in Portugal),

Marselan, Arinarnoa and Castets, and three whites, Alvarinho (popular in Portugal), Petit Manseng and Liliorila. Each is noted for its heat-resistant qualities.

As you might expect, as radical as these changes are, the French are slow to permit mainstream use of these varieties. They are permitted only in the lower classes of wines, not the high-end, classified wines. Production is limited to 5 percent of plantings, may constitute no more than 10 percent of any blend and may not be mentioned by name on a bottle label. As an experiment this is far reaching. These lower classified wines represent 55 percent of Bordeaux vineyard area and 42 percent of total production.

Regardless of one's viewpoint on global climate changes, it is heartening to see the wine industry is facing its warming trends head-on with innovative solutions.

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# Mahopac Retires Koz's #62, Honors Vets, 1st Responders

Carmel Rocks Arlington, Somers Puts it to Fox Lane, Yorktown Suffers 1st Loss

By Ray Gallagher Examiner Sports Editor@Directrays

Despite a sub-par 2-3 record, we can't ignore when a program pulls out all the stops like MAHOPAC did last Friday night, officially retiring the No.62 of former Indian OL/DL Mike Kozloski (2001 graduate), a chief warrant officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, who was fatally injured last January in a crane accident while on duty in the town of Homer, Alaska, where he was stationed. As usual, Mahopac went next level–including a propatriot theme, a chopper fly-by, bagpipers and smoke shows–for a Hero's Ceremony to honor military personnel, veterans and first responders last Friday, displaying that the Mahopac community is full of special people.

"This was an amazing ceremony, an amazing event for our community," Mahopac Coach Dominick DeMatteo said.

Mahopac A.D. Frank Miele said, "The Kozloski and Hero's ceremony shows everyone why the Mahopac community is such a special place with so many incredible and caring people," he said. "All I can say is thank you to everyone involved in making this such a special day."

But visiting Suffern spoiled the party, doling out a convincing 34-14 Class AA setback,that may have doomed the 13th-seeded Indians' (2-3) playoff hopes (only 8 teams qualify). Mahopac QB Anthony DeMatteo, just a soph, hit on 5 of 7 passes for 82 yards, including a scoring strike to RB Vin Bastone, but the Mounties held the tribe to just 192 yards of offense from scrimmage (69 yards rushing, 122 passing).

Meanwhile, crosstown rival **CARMEL** (4-1) went on the road to Arlington and stomped the Admirals out in a 35-13 Class AA thrashing. Carmel RB James Cox torched the Admirals time and time again, going for 187 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries while WR Alex Beauchesne, functioning primarily from the Wildcat formation, added 10 carries for 100 yards and a tuddy. The Rams creased the Admiral



RAY GALLAGHER/ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Carmel RB James Cox breaks a 72-yard TD run in Rams' 35-13 rout of host Arlington Friday.

defense for 306 yards on the ground. TE/DE Will Boalt scored a defensive touchdown and set up another score with a dazzling deep ball off a trick play called by Rams Coach Todd Cayea, who notched the 148th win of his 25-year career. He will shoot for No.149 vs. Scarsdale (4-1) in the hopes of getting his 150th in Week 7 at Mahopac.

"This was definitely one of my best performances so far but it couldn't have been done without my surrounding teammates and coaching staff," said Boalt, who added numerous pressures off the edge. "There is always more to work on. We had some mistakes that we must clean up if we want to improve moving on for sure, but we've been playing together since the fifth grade and we trust in each other and work hard every day to get 1% better each play."

### **CLASS A**

SOMERS (4-1) QB Jackson Kossow had a career day, firing two touchdown passes to lanky receiver Kenny McGrane in the Tuskers' 28-7 win over previously unbeaten host Fox Lane Friday. Kossow added a rushing score as the Tuskers handed the



Somers RB Charlie Balancia greets teammate Jack Kaiser (44) after Kaiser's second-quarter touchdown in 28-7 win over Fox Lane.

Foxes (4-1) their first loss. Tusker RB Charles Balancia, returned from a two-game absence due to a knee injury, rushed for 108 yards on 10 carries, and looked good in doing so. Somers (4-1), which currently hold the No.2 seed, will host third-seeded Nyack (5-0) Friday with the No.2 seed on the line.

"We are super excited but we're going to prepare for this game like any other," Kossow said. "It's our homecoming, it's going to be a playoff atmosphere, especially after they upset Yorktown. Our coaches will prepare us well."

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Carmel LBs Matt Massi and Michael Storen lead swarm of Rams to ball in 35-13 win over host Arlington Friday.



Somers RB Charlie Balancia, who returned from a Week 2 injury, roasted Fox Lane for over 100 yards rushing in Friday's 28-7 win.

Somers RB Jack Kaiser

Nyack, which was once

a Class A powerhouse

but hasn't been stellar

since 2010, comes in

fresh off a 35-14 triumph

of state-ranked (No.9)

and previously unbeaten

which failed to bring it's

a-game, according to

Somers will have to

key on Keshawn Evans,

who posted 112 yards and

two touchdowns on just

three totes. The Huskers

turned the ball over six

BREWSTER junior

Christian Rhodes had

an electrifying 95-yard

touchdown run, senior

Coach Mike Rescigno.

(4-1).

YORKTOWN

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TD for the Tuskers.

### **Sports**

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Carmel's Will Boalt (12), TJ Fusco (85) and Matt Massi join James Cox in end zone after Cox TD in Rams' 35-13 rout of host Arlington Friday.



Somers QB Jackson Kossow fired two TD passes in Tuskers' win over host Fox Lane last Friday.



Panas WR Robert Ennis has had a solid season for struggling Panthers.



Carmel WR-RB Alex Beauchesne (2) chugs for some of his 100 yards in Rams' 35-13 win over host Arlington Friday.

RB Tommy Consolato added a touchdown run and sophomore QB Chris Donohue fired TD strikes to Jack Gusler and Dom Batolomeo in the Bears (4-1) 28-0 rout of Beacon.

"Yeah, we're happy over here in Bear Country," Brewster Coach Ed Mulvihill said. "The guys are playing well and we're starting to zero in on some concepts we like. Christian Rhodes had a big game for us. The big 95-yard TD run and another big catch. He's going to be a player teams need to watch."

Don't sleep on LAKELAND as a potential quarterfinalists; not after the Hornets played a strong game in a 35-21 loss to reigning Class A champion John Jay-Cross River last Friday. State-ranked (No.12) John Jay remained unbeaten, but the Hornets let them know they were in a game when junior QB Tyler Santucci hit on 25 of 41 passes for a career-high 401 yards and three touchdowns in the loss. Senior WR Landon Ruggieri had career highs as well in catches (10), yards (197) and scores (3). Against one of the premier offenses in the section, Lakeland's John Guifridda led the defense with 11 tackles and two fumble recoveries, but in the end the Hornets could not contain Jay QB Luke Mercer and company.

Lourdes eased their way to a 33-7 win over PANAS (1-4), which is on the outside looking in at the playoffs with the No.18 seed currently.

"We play tough," first-year Panas Coach Paul Ronga said. "It's not reflected in the win/loss column, but we are competing in an extremely competitive Class A division where we are the fourth smallest school. We will continue to give our all."

### CLASS B

**PUTNAM VALLEY** has had as many key injuries as any team in the section, losing five starters to season-long injuries, but Coach Ryan Elsasser's Tigers put their best foot forward on Homecoming Day/Senior Night in a 7-6 win over visiting Woodlands last Saturday.

"It's been rough, losing this many players to injury," Elsasser admitted, "but the kids haven't quit on us... not one bit."

Versatile Kieran McNamara scored PV's lone TD in its first home win since back-to-back wins over Briarcliff and Blind Brook in 2016. Kyle Wassil was credited with having

played "an amazing game on both sides of the ball," according to Elsasser. "Cole Durocher kept us in great field position most of the game with his punts. We got the win but have a lot of work to do this week to get ready for Nanuet. We made a lot of mental mistakes."

**Grid Notebook** 

### **CLASS D**

HALDANE saw the Santos brothers go off. QB Daniel Santos scored four TDs, three rushing, another on defense, and had a hand in five scores, in the Blue Devils' 48-30 win over Croton. He rushed for 107 yards in all while his brother Darrin Santos, rushed for a career-high

201 yards and a score.

### **NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll**

No.1 YORKTOWN — State-ranked (No.7) Class A Huskers (4-1) will surely take a hit in the state polls but still have Somers head-to-head in this one. However, the six turnovers against Nyack in a 35-14 loss quite is alarming. A loss to Fox Lane (4-1) in Week 6 would be even more so, but we reckon the Huskers will rebound and secure a potential top 4/5 seed. P.S. get Nyack, once a Section 1 powerhouse from 1990-2008, on your radar for first time since 2010 because it is currently challenging top-seeded, stateranked (No.8) John Jay for the No.1 playoff seed.

No.1A CARMEL – Class AA Rams (4-1) are right there with the top challengers to state-ranked (No.3) New Ro', but the 4-time defending champion Huguenots are the upper crust and appear to be invincible for what would be the 14th time in 20 years in Section 1 should they win it again.

No.1B SOMERS – Class A state-ranked (No.18) Tuskers (4-1) could/should secure a top 1-2 seed in playoffs with a win over visiting Nyack, but the Indians are speed demons so the Tuskers best tackle in gangs in the game of the week.

No.4 BREWSTER – Class A Bears' (4-1) would have signed in blood for a 4-1 start and a current No.5 playoff seed, but they best be ready for host Hen Hud, which, as the current No.12 seed, is playing its first real test on its spanking new turf in Week 6. Can't imagine they won't be ready.

**No.5 LAKELAND** – Class A Hornets (3-2) appear to be turning a corner and it's no coincidence that the vast majority of the current coaching staff are former Coach Rob Cappelli disciples. There's no one on God's green earth that gave more to this Hornet program than Coach Cap', and my bad for not being clearer on that last week.

No.5A MAHOPAC – Class AA Indians (2-3) will likely fall short of playoffs for a 2nd year in a row, but 2019 was never about now, not with the talent they among the current sophs and what Mahopac has at the levels below, including an unbeaten JV team and a fiery freshman RB/QB named Joey Koch, should he not be courted out of town by the private schools. Kid had 9 TDs and nearly 700 yards through four games #Legit.

### **Sports**

### Soccer Notebook

# Mahopac Raises Cancer Awareness in Win over Carmel

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It was a pretty sight, indeed, last Wednesday when the Mahopac Indians hosted the rival Carmel Rams on Breast Cancer Awareness Night when both program invited their local youth teams out on to the field in a show of unity and support against the dreaded that disease that threatens the lives of hundreds of millions worldwide. They linked arms with one another, the youngsters looking up at their trailblazers in awe... the Mahopac gals decked out in pink, the neighboring Rams showing full respect for the event. It was TOWN over RIVALRY, two of Section 1's chief adversaries coming together for a cause.

The game itself belonged to Mahopac, the Indians cruising to a 7-0 triumph, but the introductions and opening moments stole the show; until Mahopac senior F Grace DiVincenzo (12G, 2A on the year) assumed control by notching a hat trick, several goals off feeds from junior speedster Mia Klammer (1G, 3A), who leads the Indians with 20 points (13G, 7A). Sabrina Nogula, Alyssa Chiulli and Hailey Pereira also scored while



Carmel's Holly DeFeo tries to contain Mahopac's Alex Rispoli in Rams' 7-0 loss to host Indians last Wednesday on Breast Cancer Awareness Day.



RAY GALLAGHER/BOB CASTNER PHOTOS

Carmel's Holly DeFeo stalks Mahopac's Grace DiVincenzo, one of the hottest scorers in the section, in Rams' 7-0 loss to Indians.

Marissa McCarney added an assist for the Indians, who are preparing for potential postseason challenges from state-ranked (No.9) North Rockland and three-time defending sectional champion Arlington, ranked No.4

The Indians (9-2), the current No.4 seed in Class AA, followed that win up with a 2-1 win over John Jay EF Friday when DiVincenzo and Klammer each tickled twine while Pereira added an assist and G Sophia Curcio notched eight saves.

### **CLASS A**

SOMERS (9-2-1) suffered its second loss of the season Friday, a 1-0 setback to John Jay CR. Previously, Somers had pitched its ninth shutout of the season in a 3-0 win over YORKTOWN. Goals Noelle DeMarinis (who had a 4-game goal streak), Megan Blanch and Ella Kittredge broke open a tight

BREWSTER (6-3-1) edged LAKELAND (7-5), 1-0, on a goal by Gianna DeRose from Amanda Sherman. **YORKTOWN** (4-5-2), HEN HUD (4-5) and PANAS (2-8) will need to finish strong the next couple of weeks if they want to avoid facing the top seeds in the opening round, should they crack the qualifying round. They currently sit at No.16, 17 and 19, respectively, in the Class A bracket. Somers, which has allowed just four goals all season, sits at No.4, Brewster at No.11 and Lakeland at 13.

Hen Hud's Kiara Virada currently has

14G, 2A. Lakeland's Nadia Parisi has 6G, 8A **BOYS' SOCCER CLASS A** 

Thursday was one of those days that determined local bragging rights and, likely, the League II-B title when defending Section 1 champion **SOMERS** (9-1, 5-0) struck for five unanswered goals in a decisive 5-1 victory over visiting YORKTOWN (6-4, 3-2) last Thursday, putting a distinct gap between the neighboring league rivals. Somers, winners of six in a row, erased a goal by Yorktown's George Popvic by shifting a couple of players around, placing them in positions that allowed the Tuskers to change the game's tempo. Thusly, Somers sophomore Bennet Leitner changed the outcome and finished with two goals and two assists in a game that clearly separated the two league title challengers.

Tusker Diego Giron turned the game on

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Somers' Diego Giron makes play on head ball over Yorktown's Tim O'Callaghan in Tuskers' 5-1 win over Huskers last week.



Huskers' 5-1 loss to Somers last week



Yorktown's Mikey O'Connor beats a host of players to head ball in Mahopac's Sabrina Nogula plays head ball in front of Carmel's Abby Taormina in Indians' 7-0 win over visiting Rams last Wednesday



Mahopac F Hailey Pereira (L) and Carmel's Isabel Andreo go up for head ball in Indians' 7-0 win over Rams last Wednesday.

# Hen Hud Not Skipping a Beat, Yorktown Keeps Rolling

By Tony Pinciaro

When Hen Hud wins a Section 1 volleyball title the season usually culminates in Glens Falls with Coach Diane Swertfager and her girls adding a state championship.

In 2018, Hen Hud was on its way to achieving this, but Section 9 champion Cornwall shocked the Sailors in a regional final. It was an uncharacteristic experience for Hen Hud.

"This year, we came in knowing how painful it was to come so close to the states but not making it, and that is motivating us because we now know what it takes to make it that step further," senior Callie Pidoriano said.

Hen Hud is making a statement that following the first month of the season. The Sailors swept Harrison, Clarkstown South and Poughkeepsie, improving to 14-0.

Hen Hud is playing at a high level, once again, led by seniors Caitlin Weimar, Ashanti Davis (middle), Madisen Lupica (outside hitter), Natalie Urra and Pidoriano. They have been joined by a young group which has acclimated itself to varsity without missing step.

"Coming into this year we were also aware that it would be very hard to fill the shoes of our graduating seniors, but we knew it could be done at the same time," Pidoriano said. "I think the fact that as a team we work on versatility, and learning how to play the game before just a position helps us a lot when it comes to adjusting to injuries or losing players who graduated."

One new varsity player who has made an impact is freshman and starter Amaya Davis.

"Amaya has been a great addition to our team because she is very level-headed as well as an amazing athlete," Pidoriano said.

Davis' poise is an example of Hen Hud's overall team approach.

"I'm so happy with the team's ability to have great composure, as coach puts it," Pidoriano said. "No matter what the score is, we have the ability to stay calm and focus on the next point

Following a tough opening month of the 2019 season, MAHOPAC began October winning two of three matches.

Mahopac defeated Ursuline (3-1) and swept archrival Carmel before dropping a match to John Jay-East Fishkill.

"The team has competed in every match this season and have never gone onto the court defeated," Mahopac Coach Jay Melville said. "The Ursuline match was the best match we have played this season. We had some new players step up and make some big plays for the team. The team was consistent from the start of the match to the end. The girls were really excited after the Ursulie match and felt that their hard work at practice was starting to pay off. It showed the team that they can compete with any team as long as they are focused throughout the match."

Mahopac won the first set and Ursuline took the second set before the Indians closed it out, 25-15, 25-20.

Caroline Feeley and Diana Kone each collected nine kills and Gabriella Rocchio registered 28 digs.

Melville cited the play of Kone and Carolin Link.

"Diana was our kills leader in the Ursuline and Carmel matches," Melville said. "Caroline was moved to outside hitter due to an injury to Jenna Palmiero and she did a great job hitting."

Kone finished with a team-leading 11 kills and Bella Marinelli added eight kills. Rocchio registered 11 digs, Caroline Link added seven kills ad seven digs and Colleen Kelly finished with 15 assists.

"I was happy with the Carmel match, also." Melville said. "Our starters did a great job in the first game and I was able to get my bench players in. Everyone played well."

Kone and Caitlin O'Boyle had nine and seven kills, respectively, against John Jay-East Fishkill. Rocchio collected 16 digs and Kelly had 16 assists.

LAKELAND has quietly put together a

solid season, to date. The Hornets improved to 7-4 this season following sweeps of Poughkeepsie and Saunders. Their perfect week was ruined in a loss to John Jay-Cross River.

In the three matches, Emily Kubicsko led Lakeland with 32 kills and she also had 20 digs. Kayla Jennings had 17 kills, 13 aces and 15 digs in the three matches and Caitlin Wisker collected 13 kills, six aces and 12 digs. Victoria Tsui amassed 46 assists and added nine aces.

Lakeland has a busy week with four matches --Yorktown, Poughkeepsie, Brewster and Putnam Valley.

**YORKTOWN** opened Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) with a four-set win over Pelham and sweep of Brewster improving to 10-1 this season.

Yorktown Coach Gigi Kemp said her team will host its annual Dig Pink Game, Tuesday, Oct. 15. She pointed out all monetary donations collected by the team will go to the American Cancer Society.

Jackie Cane was a factor at the net against Pelham with a team-best 1 kills. Aniyah Seales was also a pivotal player at the net with five blocks. Lauren Strauss had four aces and the setting tandem of Olivia Fasce and Allie Silverman each had 14 assists.

Yorktown, collectively, finished with 14 aces against Brewster with Jackie Knoesel recording four. Allison Torres and Cane had three apiece.

### Defending Section 1 Champ Lakeland, Beats Brewster, Improves to 10-1



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Lakeland's Keirra Ettere had a goal and 2 assists in Hornets' 6-0 win over Brewster's Makenzie Nieves and the Bears. Lakeland's Emma Halderman (1G) and Brewster's Meaghan Feehan get after it in Hornets' 6-0 win over visiting Bears last week. Lauren Salazar (1G, 1A), Jenna McCrudden (1G, 1A), Emma Fon (1G), Mia Smith (1G) and Erin Daly (1A) all figured in on the scoring.

### Mahopac Raises Cancer Awareness in Win over Carmel

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a dime by sending a 35-yard blast home for a 3-1 lead while Daniel Dippolito had a goal and an assist and Derek Marques added a goal.

"Right now we are playing like a family," said third-year Somers Coach Brian Lanzetta, who has snagged two of the last three Section 1 Class A titles. "The older boys are leading by example and the younger guys are stepping up and playing key roles. The boys are figuring out success is made when they focus their energy on positive play and hard work ethic, backing each other up and helping one another. The boys have one goal in mind getting back to states... we are taking one game at a time. In our program, together, as a unit, we stress positive play and a hard work ethic with sportsmanship. Our boys are doing just that."

Somers, which also shut out **LAKELAND** (5-5-1), 3-0, has outscored its opponents 31-3



Mahopac F Mia Klammer has inside track on Carmel's Kayla MacElhinney in Indians' 7-0 win over visiting Rams last Wednesday.

since there lone loss of the season, winning straight. As big as the win was for Somers, it was equally paralyzing for Yorktown, which has to find a way to recover.

"We really didn't come to play, especially in that second half, but we have a ton of self-worth on this team and we know we can still be the best team in the section when we are on our game," Yorktown Captain Tim O'Callaghan said. "We just have to embrace the underdog role now and know that any of the top seeds that draws us come playoff time will be pretty upset about it."

YORKTOWN's 8-0 win over BREWSTER came largely on the back of senior O'Callaghan who bagged a hat trick and added an assist for the Huskers, the current No.8 seed. Mikey O'Connor, George Popvic, Peter Tinaj, Mason Murphy and Nabil Kamal each scored once.

PANAS is quietly having one of its best

seasons in recent memory, improving to 6-5 and holding down the No.14 seed. Panther striker Tristan Phillips had three goals and an assist, including the go-ahead score with six minutes in a 4-3 win over John Jay CR. Phillips is a finisher, for sure.

### **CLASS AA**

OSSINING improved to 10-2 when Jose Padilla scored two goals and dished one assist for the Pride in a 5-0 win over Port Chester. Nolan Lenaghan, among the finest players in the section, placed a pair between the pipes. Pride playmaker Juan Pablo Estupinan set up three tallies. Lenaghan, who has 21G and 3A, had a hat trick in a 4-0 win over Fox Lane earlier in the week as the Pride worked their way to a potential No.2 seed. Lenaghan, as good a student athlete as they have in Ossining, is having one of the all-time great seasons in program history, no other way to put it.



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